

# EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	NO. MJ22-325
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
JOEY GEORGE,	)	
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Defendant.	)	

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VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
(FROM VIDEOTAPED PROCEEDINGS)

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Date of Interview: Thursday, July 21, 2022  
3:42 - 4:52 p.m. PST

Location: King County Sheriff's Office

Present: Joey George (Defendant)  
Special Agent Kelli Johnson  
Task Force Officer David Simmons

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1 SA JOHNSON: All right. Want some water?  
2 Do you want to --

3 TFO SIMMONS: Handcuffs?

4 SA JOHNSON: I was going to say let's -- he  
5 can't drink the water without the things. And would  
6 you like a key?

7 (Unlocking handcuffs.)

8 TFO SIMMONS: Are you okay with them  
9 staying off or do you want them in front?

10 SA JOHNSON: Um, you're going to have to  
11 just -- yeah, let's just keep them in the front so  
12 that you can sip your water and things like that.  
13 Okay?

14 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

15 SA JOHNSON: It's just our policy that we  
16 have to do this for our safety more than anything.

17 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

18 TFO SIMMONS: I'll just have you stand up.  
19 Turn toward the wall. Okay.

20 (Handcuffing Mr. George with his  
21 hands in front of him.)

22 TFO SIMMONS: Just so that doesn't on  
23 there. All right.

24 SA JOHNSON: On your (inaudible). I'm  
25 going to start the recording here.

1 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

2 SA JOHNSON: All right. So the recording  
3 -- the recording has started. The time is 3:41 p.m.  
4 on July 21st, 2022. This is Special Agent Kelli  
5 Johnson with the FBI, and TFO David Simmons, and Joey  
6 George.

7 Joey, so I know I advised you of these  
8 rights in the car, but we're going to go over them  
9 again.

10 MR. GEORGE: Sure.

11 SA JOHNSON: Because the time that I have  
12 here is 3:06 and that you acknowledged them at 3:07.

13 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

14 SA JOHNSON: But before we ask you any  
15 questions, you must understand your rights.

16 You have the right to remain silent.  
17 Anything you say can be used against you in court.

18 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

19 SA JOHNSON: You have a right to a lawyer  
20 for advice before I ask you any questions. You have a  
21 right to have a lawyer with you during questioning.  
22 And if you can't afford a lawyer, one will be  
23 appointed for you before any questioning, if you wish.

24 MR. GEORGE: Um hum. Okay.

25 SA JOHNSON: If you decide to answer any

1 questions now without a lawyer present, you have the  
2 right to stop at any time.

3 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

4 SA JOHNSON: So I'm going to see if it  
5 -- it's 3:42 that you consented again. What I'll have  
6 you do is if you sign here saying that you understand  
7 all of that.

8 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

9 (Mr. George signed first,  
10 then SA Johnson and TFO  
11 Simmons signed.)

12 SA JOHNSON: Thank you. All right.

13 So, Joey, I know we chatted a little bit in  
14 the car. And, again, we appreciate your cooperation.

15 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

16 SA JOHNSON: So we're just going to have a  
17 chat. And do you know -- do you know why -- why  
18 you're here today?

19 MR. GEORGE: I have rough ideas; about some  
20 prank phone calls.

21 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Well, I understand your  
22 telephone number, which is the phone that you have  
23 with you.

24 MR. GEORGE: Uh-huh, my cell phone.

25 SA JOHNSON: Your cell phone, right. I

1 understand that phone made a call to a Shari's  
2 Restaurant in San Bernardino, California, in May,  
3 specifically May 12th, 2022.

4 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

5 SA JOHNSON: Tell me about that call.

6 MR. GEORGE: It was a prank phone call. I  
7 probably suffer from some PTSD-related symptoms and a  
8 lot of times I do stupid things like that. I don't  
9 know where my mind was but, yeah, I made a prank phone  
10 call.

11 SA JOHNSON: What -- what did you say in  
12 the call?

13 MR. GEORGE: To be honest, the way the  
14 country is working out, the way the justice system is,  
15 like a lot of criminals, African Americans are raping  
16 and killing people and they're given light sentences.  
17 I feel the justice system is unfair. You know what  
18 I'm saying? And I had an issue against African  
19 Americans. I had no intentions of hurting African  
20 Americans, but I really don't like the way they're  
21 treating people. Every day I hear about them raping,  
22 robbing, carjacking. They're assaulting. Again,  
23 they're assaulting Asians. And I, honestly, I'm  
24 against it.

25 SA JOHNSON: So you called the restaurant

1 in San Bernardino in May, to the Shari's. And you  
2 told them -- what did you tell them?

3 MR. GEORGE: I made a lie that I'm going to  
4 kill every Black person in the restaurant, but I had  
5 no intentions of doing it because that's what I was  
6 (inaudible). And I never picked up a firearm before.  
7 I never used one, never had intentions. It was a  
8 prank call. It was not the right kind of a prank  
9 call, but it was. It was my way of blowing off steam.

10 SA JOHNSON: Where were you when you made  
11 that call?

12 MR. GEORGE: At home.

13 SA JOHNSON: Here in Lynnwood, Washington?

14 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, um hum. On my cell  
15 phone, yeah.

16 SA JOHNSON: Okay. And your address is the  
17 4019-156th Place Southeast?

18 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. Yeah.

19 SA JOHNSON: Apartment B-9, right?

20 MR. GEORGE: Yes, correct.

21 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So you were actually in  
22 your apartment, in your home, when you made that call?

23 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

24 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Tell me about the other  
25 calls you've made that have these messages.

1 MR. GEORGE: Similar calls. Every time I  
2 see -- like I watch a lot of Fox News and I guess it's  
3 poisoning my mind a little bit. And I'm always seeing  
4 videos of Asian women being attacked by African  
5 American men and it's -- it's triggering my PTSD  
6 symptoms. I have severe PTSD symptoms and I grew up  
7 in an abusive home. I witnessed my father beat up my  
8 mother on multiple occasions in violent ways when he  
9 was alive. And --

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So tell me, tell me  
11 about those other calls.

12 MR. GEORGE: They were similar.

13 SA JOHNSON: Who did -- what businesses did  
14 you call?

15 MR. GEORGE: Um, I called businesses  
16 probably in different states. I just called and made  
17 threats and --

18 SA JOHNSON: So let's go back to the -- so  
19 the one we were talking about was in May in San  
20 Bernardino, California?

21 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. Yeah, I believe it was  
22 in May, yeah.

23 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So between May and now,  
24 what other calls have you made to businesses in other  
25 states making those threats?



1 MR. GEORGE: I probably called places in  
2 New York, places in other states. I don't know every  
3 single state, but probably places in New York maybe.

4 SA JOHNSON: When did you call the places  
5 in New York?

6 MR. GEORGE: Yesterday.

7 SA JOHNSON: Yesterday?

8 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

9 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What businesses did you  
10 call in New York?

11 MR. GEORGE: Buffalo stores, Tops in  
12 Buffalo, a couple of markets, supermarkets there.

13 SA JOHNSON: Okay. And what did you say in  
14 those calls?

15 MR. GEORGE: I said I'm tired of African  
16 Americans assaulting Asians, killing Asian women, just  
17 robbing and beating people up brutally. I'm tired of  
18 them getting special treatment. And I was frustrated.  
19 I was going through severe PTSD symptoms and I just  
20 got tired of seeing Black men attack women every day.  
21 I didn't --

22 SA JOHNSON: So you -- what did you want  
23 the stores to do? Let's say, let's take that grocery  
24 store, Tops Grocery Store.

25 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

1                   SA JOHNSON: What did you want the store to  
2 do?

3                   MR. GEORGE: To get the message through  
4 that we're not -- not everybody is going to put up  
5 with like the attacks on Asian Americans are done, a  
6 lot of them are done by African Americans and it's  
7 being swept under the rug. They're not even  
8 mentioning it. Like I believe African Americans are  
9 getting a special pass. They're getting away with so  
10 much and I don't think they're being held accountable.  
11 And watching shows like Fox News all of the time kind  
12 of put that rhetoric in my mind.

13                  SA JOHNSON: Well --

14                  MR. GEORGE: And I grew up -- I grew up  
15 with racist parents.

16                  SA JOHNSON: So do you not want Black  
17 people to be in stores like in Tops?

18                  MR. GEORGE: It's a scare tactic, nothing  
19 but a scare tactic.

20                  SA JOHNSON: So you want to scare Black  
21 people?

22                  MR. GEORGE: That's what my intention was.

23                  SA JOHNSON: And you want to scare them  
24 into not going to those stores?

25                  MR. GEORGE: Not going there probably just

1 in that moment of time.

2 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So -- and the same  
3 thing like with that Shari's in San Bernardino?

4 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

5 SA JOHNSON: You -- you wanted the  
6 restaurant to close, right?

7 MR. GEORGE: Just to scare off the Black  
8 customers, just to let them know that a lot of their  
9 kind is doing a lot of damage and I want them to know  
10 that I wasn't going to take no for an answer. It was  
11 just a prank phone call. I just wanted them to know  
12 that they're doing too much and people that are  
13 fragile-minded, like me, have to see it on the news  
14 every day and it's corrupting my brain.

15 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So you basically wanted  
16 the Shari's Restaurant not to serve those Black  
17 people?

18 MR. GEORGE: For that moment in time, yeah.

19 SA JOHNSON: Okay. And when you made the  
20 calls, you said yesterday to New York?

21 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

22 SA JOHNSON: Where -- where were you when  
23 you made those calls?

24 MR. GEORGE: Same place; at home.

25 SA JOHNSON: At home, okay.

1 MR. GEORGE: All -- all was done while I  
2 was in my bedroom. I never went to a public place and  
3 made a phone call like that.

4 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So tell me, besides  
5 California and besides New York, tell me about other  
6 times that you've made those types of phone calls.

7 MR. GEORGE: If I can remember, I probably  
8 made phone calls in other states maybe.

9 SA JOHNSON: Which states?

10 MR. GEORGE: Probably Georgia, Michigan.  
11 Probably, uh -- I'm trying to remember, because I  
12 don't remember all of them, unfortunately.

13 SA JOHNSON: That's okay.

14 MR. GEORGE: Because a lot of times when I  
15 did call, I was on med -- I was on medication. Like a  
16 lot of times I was smoking large amounts of marijuana  
17 and I was smoking PTSD symptoms, so that kind of  
18 over-clouded my mind.

19 SA JOHNSON: What kind of medication?

20 MR. GEORGE: [REDACTED].

21 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Okay. So you blame  
22 -- when did you call Georgia?

23 MR. GEORGE: I don't remember. It could  
24 have been a while ago. I don't remember exactly.

25 SA JOHNSON: Was it like -- I always --

1 it's always helpful for me to remember things --

2 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

3 SA JOHNSON: -- like was it before

4 Christmas, after Christmas?

5 MR. GEORGE: Oh.

6 SA JOHNSON: Was it before the Fourth of

7 July, after the Fourth of July?

8 MR. GEORGE: Good question. Uh, let me  
9 think. I don't know if I called the state of Georgia.

10 I know I called places in the state of New York. I

11 called places probably in the state of Michigan. I

12 called places in the state of California. I avoid

13 calling places in Washington state where I live. I

14 never call. I don't think I called any Washington

15 state businesses and made threats like that.

16 SA JOHNSON: So tell me, what businesses in  
17 Georgia did you call?

18 MR. GEORGE: I don't remember. When it  
19 comes to George, I don't know if I called businesses

20 in Georgia. I'm trying to think. Did I call

21 businesses in Georgia? Probably restaurants, like

22 soul food restaurants or something. I don't know the

23 names. So I'd call random restaurants and basically

24 I'd just vent out anger and frustration.

25 SA JOHNSON: So that's how you'd decide to

1 call, whether it was Tops or whether it was Shari's,  
2 you just Googled?

3 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

4 SA JOHNSON: You'd say -- you'd pick a  
5 place? Like tell me, walk me through how you -- how  
6 you'd choose.

7 MR. GEORGE: Just randomly Google stuff,  
8 just like it randomly pops in my head, what's a  
9 population that has a lot of African Americans? And I  
10 just go from there.

11 SA JOHNSON: So your target -- what you're  
12 doing is you're -- you're searching for areas of the  
13 country where you think there are a large number of  
14 -- of -- of -- of Black people or African American  
15 people?

16 MR. GEORGE: That's correct. That's  
17 correct.

18 SA JOHNSON: And then you decide you want  
19 to --

20 MR. GEORGE: Scare them.

21 SA JOHNSON: -- scare them?

22 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

23 SA JOHNSON: And so you called public  
24 restaurants or grocery stores?

25 MR. GEORGE: I did.

1 SA JOHNSON: And --

2 MR. GEORGE: I did.

3 SA JOHNSON: And -- okay. And then the  
4 purpose of you calling those places, you just don't  
5 want those African American people, um, visiting those  
6 stores or restaurants?

7 MR. GEORGE: Well, I don't live in the  
8 states, so I can't tell who they are or not. I just  
9 want to scare them in that moment in time.

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. You want to scare them  
11 for that moment in time. And you -- you -- you don't  
12 want them at that location?

13 MR. GEORGE: I can't say, because I'm not  
14 there, because it's in a different state, so I won't  
15 be there.

16 TFO SIMMONS: Well, what do you think is  
17 going to happen when -- you know, you said earlier you  
18 watched body worn videos and stuff. What do you think  
19 our response is going to be when you make a phone call  
20 like that; what do you think is going to happen to the  
21 business?

22 MR. GEORGE: At the time I was on  
23 medication. I was going through a lot of mental  
24 health problems.

25 TFO SIMMONS: Um hum.

1 MR. GEORGE: And I didn't think about the  
2 consequences. I should have, but I didn't.

3 TFO SIMMONS: But you made -- you made  
4 these calls. So what are your expectations on the  
5 other end of the line?

6 MR. GEORGE: To scare people, just to scare  
7 them.

8 TFO SIMMONS: But I -- I understand that,  
9 you saying you want to scare them, but -- but what do  
10 you want to scare them to do? What do you want their  
11 response to be?

12 MR. GEORGE: The way they put other  
13 people's life in fear, I want them to have --  
14 (inaudible). Because they're doing it all of the time  
15 and I want them to get a taste of what -- how they're  
16 treating everybody else.

17 TFO SIMMONS: Do you expect them to -- to  
18 shut down the business after you've made the call out  
19 of a reaction to that?

20 MR. GEORGE: Um, I just want to put that  
21 fear in the moment in time. I want to put that fear  
22 in THEM. I never cared if the business shut down or  
23 closed down. I just want to, in that moment in time,  
24 I just wanted to -- just to put fear in them. That  
25 was my only tactic. I had no -- I had no plans of



1 traveling out of state, doing anything that will get  
2 me in more trouble than I am in now.

3 TFO SIMMONS: I understand that, but when  
4 -- but you -- you know from experience. I mean,  
5 you've been taught active shooter responses, right?  
6 You've heard about people's responses.

7 MR. GEORGE: I've heard about mass  
8 shootings all of the time.

9 TFO SIMMONS: Yeah. Yeah.

10 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I'm well aware of that.

11 TFO SIMMONS: Yeah. So what do you think  
12 is going to happen when you call and you tell them  
13 there's going to be a shooting, what do you think that  
14 response is going to be?

15 MR. GEORGE: At the time my mind was just  
16 so corrupted and I was so full of anger and I just  
17 didn't think about the consequences.

18 TFO SIMMONS: Is it reasonable for you to  
19 think that when you call these phone numbers, that  
20 they're going to call the police and shut the business  
21 down out of fear?

22 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

23 TFO SIMMONS: Since you're saying the whole  
24 point is fear?

25 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I believe that.

1 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

2 MR. GEORGE: I do regret what I did. I'm  
3 not just saying that because I'm talking to you guys  
4 but deep down inside I know I'm wrong.

5 SA JOHNSON: Well, and you talked about  
6 being -- being on medication and we talked about that  
7 in the car.

8 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

9 SA JOHNSON: And that you don't have a  
10 current prescription or you don't have -- you don't --  
11 you haven't been taking your medication?

12 MR. GEORGE: I ran out over a week ago and  
13 I -- and I forgot to call up the pharmacy and refill  
14 it.

15 SA JOHNSON: And you haven't refilled it.  
16 So in -- in the case where you were, called New York  
17 yesterday --

18 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

19 SA JOHNSON: -- you weren't taking your  
20 medication?

21 MR. GEORGE: No.

22 SA JOHNSON: Were you taking your  
23 medication when you called the, um, the place in May,  
24 the restaurant?

25 MR. GEORGE: I believe I had -- I believe I

1 was taking medication at that time, because I had my  
2 prescription at that time.

3 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So what happens when  
4 you go to a restaurant or someplace here or wherever  
5 it is and there are Black people there, do you want to  
6 be there or do you not -- or do you not want them to  
7 be there?

8 MR. GEORGE: I don't -- I wouldn't cause  
9 any scene in the city I live in. I would -- I don't  
10 -- like I just don't pay attention. I go places. I  
11 see Black people all of the time. I have Black  
12 neighbors who I'm friendly with who are genuine to me.  
13 So it's not like I have a grudge against every Black  
14 people. I just don't like seeing the news. I see it  
15 so much.

16 Since the killing of George Floyd, I just  
17 felt that African Americans are just taking their  
18 anger out at everybody. They're burning our cities  
19 down. They're looting in our businesses. They're  
20 rioting. And I feel like the law doesn't want to  
21 bother with them because they don't want to be deemed  
22 racist or anything. I feel like there's a Black  
23 privilege going on and it's hurting everybody else.

24 SA JOHNSON: So you, what you're telling  
25 both of us, is that you've never called any business

1 in Washington and --

2 MR. GEORGE: Hum um.

3 SA JOHNSON: -- asked if there are Black  
4 people there. So --

5 MR. GEORGE: Not that I remember.

6 SA JOHNSON: So when we have your toll --  
7 do you know what toll records are?

8 MR. GEORGE: Like phone calls?

9 SA JOHNSON: Phone calls, right.

10 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

11 SA JOHNSON: I have those.

12 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

13 SA JOHNSON: For over a year for you.

14 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

15 SA JOHNSON: And I also have a lot of  
16 police reports.

17 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

18 SA JOHNSON: And I've connected those  
19 police reports to those toll records.

20 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

21 SA JOHNSON: And there has been at least  
22 two occasions where I can see in from your phone is  
23 calling to a, um, dispensary, Have a Heart Dispensary,  
24 in Washington, one in Belltown, one in Skyway.

25 MR. GEORGE: I might have called them, but

1 I don't remember, because half of the businesses I  
2 called, I was probably smoking a lot of marijuana and  
3 I was on my medication. The stores in New York, I  
4 remember those clearly. When I called stores in  
5 Washington, I probably don't remember that, honestly.

6 SA JOHNSON: So when is the last time you  
7 called stores in New York?

8 MR. GEORGE: Um, probably yesterday.  
9 Probably I would say early this morning, maybe 5:00,  
10 6:00 in the morning probably, our time.

11 SA JOHNSON: So you called yesterday. You  
12 called this morning. About how many phone calls did  
13 you make?

14 MR. GEORGE: Um, I would have to check my  
15 phone record. Probably maybe three or four maybe.  
16 And most of the time they don't answer. So --

17 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What about the phone  
18 calls? We have your -- we have your records, right?

19 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

20 SA JOHNSON: So it shows that you're making  
21 calls.

22 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

23 SA JOHNSON: Today is Thursday.

24 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

25 SA JOHNSON: Tuesday, Wednesday, and

1 Thursday, all of the way through this morning.

2 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

3 SA JOHNSON: To those businesses in New  
4 York.

5 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. Probably, yeah.

6 SA JOHNSON: Is it -- did you do --

7 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, if you have it on the  
8 record, then I did, yeah. I won't deny it.

9 SA JOHNSON: So let's talk about your phone  
10 for a minute.

11 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

12 SA JOHNSON: How long have you had your  
13 phone?

14 MR. GEORGE: That particular iPhone or the  
15 phone number itself?

16 SA JOHNSON: The -- the iPhone that you  
17 have right now.

18 MR. GEORGE: Probably about a  
19 year-and-a-half.

20 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Um, I'm making a couple  
21 of little notes, because I can remember things better  
22 if I write them down.

23 MR. GEORGE: Okay. You probably have a  
24 better memory than I do, probably.

25 SA JOHNSON: So tell me on that phone, uh,

1     you gave us a pass code.

2                 MR. GEORGE:   0071, yeah.

3                 SA JOHNSON:   0071, okay.   And so we have a  
4     search warrant for that phone, but what I would like  
5     to do is get your consent to look in your phone to  
6     see.   You know, we want to make sure that we're not  
7     getting the wrong records.   Right?

8                 MR. GEORGE:   Um hum.

9                 SA JOHNSON:   That we're only looking into  
10    -- into the ones that we know about.

11                MR. GEORGE:   Okay.

12                SA JOHNSON:   So if you're willing to, I'd  
13    like you to sign a consent form to let me look in your  
14    -- the rest of your phone as well.

15                MR. GEORGE:   Would this make everything  
16    easier if I do it, like would this make it easier for  
17    me?

18                SA JOHNSON:   Well, I can't promise  
19    anything.

20                MR. GEORGE:   Um hum.

21                SA JOHNSON:   That's not up to me.   What's  
22    going to happen is -- is you are under arrest today  
23    and we do have a search warrant for your phone.   So  
24    what that means is from after we take -- we have to  
25    take you to jail tonight.

1 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

2 SA JOHNSON: And then what happens next is  
3 what we call your initial appearance with -- before a  
4 judge tomorrow.

5 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

6 SA JOHNSON: So that's when the attorneys  
7 get involved and that's when the things like that  
8 happen.

9 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

10 SA JOHNSON: So all we're doing is the  
11 initial step right here.

12 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

13 SA JOHNSON: So if you're willing to give  
14 consent for your phone, I'll have you sign a form that  
15 would let me search everything in your phone that's --  
16 essentially we've got a search warrant for your phone.

17 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

18 SA JOHNSON: But we can also search the  
19 other dates as well.

20 MR. GEORGE: Okay. And I called multiple  
21 places, lines too. A lot of times I called the Crisis  
22 Line to put my mind straight. So a lot of those  
23 numbers were, a lot of them were Crisis Lines.

24 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So I'm going to put in  
25 the -- it's an iPhone SE, correct?



1 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

2 SA JOHNSON: And your phone number is (206)

3 5 --

4 MR. GEORGE: 57 -- 579-2843.

5 SA JOHNSON: 2843, okay. And that was the  
6 phone that we took from you today?

7 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

8 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So, um, I'm going to  
9 ask you to read over this form that you have been  
10 asked by me -- and I'm going to show you my badge.  
11 This is me, Kelli Johnson, with the FBI.

12 MR GEORGE: Um hum.

13 TFO SIMMONS: David Simmons, as you already  
14 know. That was the formality that I meant, that  
15 you've been asked by me to give a consent of your  
16 phone with that phone number.

17 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

18 SA JOHNSON: And that you -- and that you  
19 have the right to refuse that and that you give your  
20 permission voluntarily.

21 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

22 SA JOHNSON: And that you authorized us to  
23 take the items which have been marked.

24 MR. GEORGE: All right.

25 SA JOHNSON: And I'll date that. You can

1 sign there.

2 MR. GEORGE: (Signing).

3 SA JOHNSON: (Signing). I believe -- okay,  
4 a lot of pages for me, um, a lot of paperwork. I want  
5 to make sure to dot my I's and cross my T's.

6 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

7 SA JOHNSON: Okay. All right. So tell me  
8 about, um, you use your phone, obviously, to call  
9 people, like everybody else does. What else do you  
10 use your phone for?

11 MR. GEORGE: Um, like to do my work. I  
12 have to do my work through a time sheet. So I do -- I  
13 do it for my work. I probably watch YouTube videos.  
14 I probably like, you know, will study stuff on the  
15 Internet.

16 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So your work, you  
17 mentioned before you work for your mother as a  
18 caretaker?

19 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

20 SA JOHNSON: You say your time sheets will  
21 be on there?

22 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

23 SA JOHNSON: What about YouTube, do you  
24 ever post anything to YouTube?

25 MR. GEORGE: No, I don't post anything to

1 social media or You-Tube.

2 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

3 MR. GEORGE: That's really not my thing.

4 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Do you -- what social  
5 media accounts do you have?

6 MR. GEORGE: I don't have any, any more. I  
7 had an Instagram account, but I don't now. I got  
8 banned from that.

9 SA JOHNSON: What was your Instagram  
10 handle?

11 MR. GEORGE: Uh, it was called

12 [REDACTED].

13 SA JOHNSON: [REDACTED].

14 MR. GEORGE: [REDACTED]. Yeah, with an "S",  
15 like [REDACTED]. It was basically Instagram where I'd  
16 post a lot of stuff from the nineties, like movies,  
17 video games from the nineties, pop culture from the  
18 nineties, and stuff like that.

19 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So I want to make sure.  
20 I'm going to write this down.

21 MR. GEORGE: But that is -- that account  
22 has been closed, though.

23 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So one more time,  
24 [REDACTED]?

25 MR. GEORGE: K-BOY.

1 SA JOHNSON: K?

2 MR. GEORGE: [REDACTED]. It's a tribal name.

3 SA JOHNSON: Okay. All right.

4 MR. GEORGE: It's not a gang name or  
5 anything. It's part of my tribe.

6 SA JOHNSON: I understand. Yeah, a  
7 nickname is what it is, right?

8 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. It's the name of my  
9 heritage, yeah.

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What -- when did that  
11 account -- why was it closed or why were you banned,  
12 did you say?

13 MR. GEORGE: I probably posted racist  
14 rhetoric on there and that -- I'm assuming that's what  
15 it was. I posted like offensive memes or something,  
16 racist stuff. I didn't post like I'm going to mass  
17 shoot them or do anything, I didn't post nothing like  
18 that. I just posted like racist memes and stuff like  
19 that. And I guess that's when they banned my account.

20 SA JOHNSON: When was that, that that  
21 happened?

22 MR. GEORGE: You know what? That was  
23 probably a year ago. I haven't been on social media  
24 in a long time. That could have been last year.

25 SA JOHNSON: Okay. How long had you had

1 that Instagram account until they shut it down?

2 MR. GEORGE: I had multiple Instagram  
3 accounts and some of them I forgot the password and  
4 had to create other ones. Mostly I just pull stuff  
5 from the nineties, the top trends that I know.

6 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

7 MR. GEORGE: Other than that, like I didn't  
8 post anything like I'm going to go kill this person or  
9 kill that person. I would not do that on social media  
10 because like, you know, you're leaving a paper trail.  
11 And I'm constantly doing like I am actually being  
12 honest on these things. And I'm being 100% honest. I  
13 never had no intentions of ever doing it. It was just  
14 a scare tactic, which is still wrong.

15 SA JOHNSON: Okay. And so what, besides  
16 your -- I'm going to -- I'm going to ask you to do,  
17 just to make sure I have it right, um,

18

19 MR. GEORGE: [REDACTED]

20 SA JOHNSON: [REDACTED].

21 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

22 SA JOHNSON: That's what it looks like,  
23 correct?

24 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

25 SA JOHNSON: Okay. And when you signed up

1 for the account, did you sign up for it with your  
2 phone number, with an e-mail address?

3 MR. GEORGE: I probably put my e-mail  
4 address or phone number.

5 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What's your e-mail  
6 address?

7 MR. GEORGE: [REDACTED].

8 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Is that your primary?  
9 Do you have any other accounts?

10 MR. GEORGE: That's my main one and that's  
11 through my iPhone.

12 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So if I look in the  
13 phone, I'll be able to see that e-mail account in  
14 there? Okay.

15 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

16 SA JOHNSON: What other handles did you  
17 have for Instagram?

18 MR. GEORGE: My first Instagram when I was  
19 on there, it was [REDACTED]. That was my first  
20 Instagram handle and that was years ago.

21 SA JOHNSON: Um hum.

22 MR. GEORGE: When it comes to like TikToks,  
23 I don't go on there. I don't have no Twitter account.  
24 I probably had a FaceBook account like maybe 13 or  
25 14 years ago.

1 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

2 MR. GEORGE: But I didn't post nothing on  
3 there. I just had an account, but I didn't post  
4 anything.

5 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What about this -- this  
6 Instagram account?

7 MR. GEORGE: They're -- they're all gone  
8 now. They don't exist no more.

9 SA JOHNSON: Did -- did they -- did you get  
10 banned from that one too?

11 MR. GEORGE: Uh, the first one where I just  
12 my name to it K-BOY?

13 SA JOHNSON: Oh, no. No. This one with  
14 the 206.

15 MR. GEORGE: Oh, no. Yeah, I didn't get  
16 banned. I stopped going on Instagram. I just got  
17 bored of social media and I didn't want nothing to do  
18 with it, so I quit going on Instagram maybe for a  
19 year-and-a-half until I created a new account.

20 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So did you close that  
21 account?

22 MR. GEORGE: Uh, I probably forgot the  
23 password. I stopped going on it.

24 SA JOHNSON: You just --

25 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I logged off of it and I

1       probably forgot the password.

2               SA JOHNSON:   And that's why you opened up  
3       that account?

4               MR. GEORGE:   That account was from 2013 to  
5       2015, that where I said [REDACTED].

6               SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   And then this one you  
7       think you had from?

8               MR. GEORGE:   I had multiple Instagram  
9       accounts and every single account I had I'd post the  
10      same stuff, so they were all similar.

11              SA JOHNSON:   What was the date range when  
12      you opened up this one?

13              MR. GEORGE:   Oh, probably maybe like 2017  
14      maybe, maybe (inaudible) 2016.

15              SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   And then -- and it  
16      closed in 2021, you said?

17              MR. GEORGE:   Yeah, I believe.   Yeah, I  
18      believe.   I believe it closed in 2021.

19              SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   Did you sign up for all  
20      of your Instagrams using that e-mail address?

21              MR. GEORGE:   No.

22              SA JOHNSON:   What -- what others did you  
23      have?

24              MR. GEORGE:   I probably had an old icloud  
25      e-mail address that I don't remember, because it's



1       been so many years.

2                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.

3                   MR. GEORGE:   And I probably had a different  
4       phone number at that time that I don't remember any  
5       more.

6                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   What about when was  
7       (inaudible).

8                   MR. GEORGE:   Um...

9                   SA JOHNSON:   You mentioned Twitter,  
10      Facebook.   I mentioned Instagram.

11                   TFO SIMMONS:   SnapChat?

12                   MR. GEORGE:   No, I don't go on that.

13                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.

14                   MR. GEORGE:   But my niece downloaded  
15      SnapChat on my phone because she uses my phone  
16      sometimes, but I don't go on that.

17                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   Who is your niece?

18                   MR. GEORGE:   [REDACTED].

19                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   And why -- when does  
20      she use your phone?

21                   MR. GEORGE:   Whenever she visits she goes  
22      on it.   She uses the -- my phone to go on SnapChat.  
23      That's -- she just talks to her friends on there.

24                   TFO SIMMONS:   How old is she?

25                   MR. GEORGE:   She is 19.   She just turned 19

1 in June.

2 SA JOHNSON: So she only uses -- she only  
3 uses your phone for SnapChat?

4 MR. GEORGE: She used it a couple of times,  
5 but she hasn't used it a lot. I haven't seen her in a  
6 while.

7 SA JOHNSON: Oh, okay. She doesn't live  
8 with you?

9 MR. GEORGE: No.

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. All right. So do you  
11 still -- no one else uses your phone?

12 MR. GEORGE: No, just me.

13 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Um, all right. Well,  
14 let me see, so I want to go back to -- um, I want to  
15 go -- we didn't -- we didn't talk yet about the calls  
16 made to Michigan. When were those?

17 MR. GEORGE: Probably yesterday.

18 SA JOHNSON: Michigan was yesterday?

19 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

20 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Who did you call in  
21 Michigan?

22 MR. GEORGE: I probably called -- there was  
23 a story that I watched on YouTube and it got me sick  
24 to my stomach because I'm against animal cruelty.  
25 That -- that just is unacceptable for me. I seen a

1 video where it showed like a Middle Eastern guy get a  
2 box, he wanted to return a bird. This was on YouTube,  
3 you can see this video. He was trying to return a  
4 bird at a pet store and they didn't want to give him a  
5 refund. So he got the box and smashed it with the  
6 bird in there. And I seen that he had a Muslim -- he  
7 had a Muslim last name and that offended me, because I  
8 grew up in a Christian background. And I'll be honest  
9 with you, I do not like that religion. I won't cause  
10 harm to people in that religion, but I do not condone  
11 that religion.

12 SA JOHNSON: So did you call businesses or  
13 somebody in Michigan?

14 MR. GEORGE: I called the pet store where  
15 that incident occurred and I argued with the owner. I  
16 said, "How could you let that guy smash the bird right  
17 in front of you and you didn't attempt to stop him?"

18 SA JOHNSON: What was the name of that pet  
19 store?

20 MR. GEORGE: I forgot. Uh, I know it's in  
21 Dearborn, Michigan, though.

22 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

23 MR. GEORGE: But I didn't make no  
24 terroristic threats or anything. I just got mad at  
25 the owner for not preventing that unstable guy from

1       killing the bird.

2                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   Um, and then what else  
3       -- where else in California besides San Bernardino?

4                   MR. GEORGE:   Um, I'm trying to think.   I  
5       don't remember every call I made.   I'm trying to  
6       think.   I maybe called dispensaries in L.A., saying,  
7       "If I come there, I don't want to be served by Black  
8       people."   But I -- I don't want to make no violent  
9       threats.   I said, "If I come there, please don't let  
10      no Black people serve me."

11                   I just -- like when I'm angry and mad and  
12      I'm trying to fix this, I'm going to therapy for these  
13      reasons too, I just have a deep hatred against African  
14      Americans.   Not that I'll do anything about it, but I  
15      have a deep-seated hatred about them.

16                   SA JOHNSON:   So --

17                   MR. GEORGE:   And I've dealt with racism  
18      from African Americans before.   I dealt -- I had  
19      racial slurs called to me; me and my dad nearly  
20      assaulted by an African American.   Right before my dad  
21      passed away, I would say a few years ago, this was in  
22      2008, a Black man accosted me, my dad, and my cousin  
23      at a gas station in Everett.

24                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   So tell me about the --  
25      when you're in a store, let's say you walk into a

1 store. Well, you walked into Kush Med, right?

2 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

3 SA JOHNSON: This afternoon.

4 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

5 SA JOHNSON: And let's say there was a  
6 Black person in there.

7 MR. GEORGE: There was a Black person in  
8 there.

9 SA JOHNSON: What if -- what if he was the  
10 employee and would you -- would you not want him to  
11 serve you?

12 MR. GEORGE: No. I just -- I just go about  
13 my business.

14 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

15 MR. GEORGE: Like when I go places, I don't  
16 reveal my rhetoric. I don't like say I don't want to  
17 deal with that one. These are only on phone calls. I  
18 don't show this side of me in -- in person.

19 SA JOHNSON: Um hum. But then there was  
20 that man in Michigan when you called the pet store.

21 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

22 SA JOHNSON: Had he not had a Middle  
23 Eastern last name or who you think he was?

24 MR. GEORGE: No. The gentleman, the guy  
25 who smashed the bird?

1 SA JOHNSON: Right.

2 MR. GEORGE: He had a Middle Eastern last  
3 name.

4 SA JOHNSON: Right. And you -- you  
5 presumed he was Muslim? And --

6 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, because Dearborn,  
7 Michigan, it's a big Muslim city, Dearborn, Michigan.

8 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So because of that, if  
9 he had been a White person or whoever in there, would  
10 you have called and gotten angry with the owner for  
11 allowing that to happen?

12 MR. GEORGE: Whites are a majority race, so  
13 -- and they're so different. I -- I don't rally hold  
14 grudges against White people. I have nothing against  
15 White people. If a White person does something, I'll  
16 probably hate the individual and I won't have like a  
17 hatred for the whole race.

18 But when it comes to minority races, if I  
19 see a Black man assaulting a woman -- and you see  
20 those videos all of the time, they're always on Fox  
21 News, always on YouTube -- it triggers me off, because  
22 back in the eighties when I was a kid, my mom was  
23 accosted by a Black man on a bus and he was -- and she  
24 -- and the Black man threatened to stab her. And the  
25 bus driver, she alerted the bus driver and the bus

1 driver dropped her off in an unknown area so she can  
2 go to safety.

3 SA JOHNSON: I -- okay. I want to -- I  
4 want to kind of steer back to the -- to the call in  
5 Michigan, just to make sure, like --

6 MR. GEORGE: I was arguing with the bird  
7 owner. Right? I didn't make no terrorist threats and  
8 saying I'd shoot up the place. You understand what  
9 I'm saying?

10 SA JOHNSON: Right. But in that same video  
11 you're seeing, the only reason you called is because  
12 the guy was Muslim that perpetrated that act?

13 MR. GEORGE: Um hum, yeah.

14 SA JOHNSON: Is that a correct statement?

15 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

16 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

17 MR. GEORGE: If it comes to a White person  
18 doing it, it will offend me too, but Whites are so  
19 big, the majority race, not all White people think the  
20 same. They're not all the same, obviously.

21 And it goes for minorities too. They're  
22 not all the same, but the fact that they're a  
23 minority, you have a stereotypic idea. I mean, I was  
24 raised with racist parents. When I was growing up as  
25 a kid, I wasn't allowed to talk to Black or Hispanic

1 or White children when I was going to school. I went  
2 to a segregated school here in Seattle. My parents  
3 would accost me and threaten me if I had friends who  
4 were White or Black.

5 You know, back when I was younger, I didn't  
6 have these racist views. I didn't. I was just a  
7 normal kid. I liked playing sports. I liked playing  
8 video games. I liked watching pro wrestling. So a  
9 lot of times from school I'd have White friends over  
10 who were White and Black and I would get threatened  
11 and accosted by my own parents.

12 SA JOHNSON: You said you went to a  
13 segregated school?

14 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, but -- it was a  
15 segregated school, but -- but across from the  
16 segregated school there was a public school. So the  
17 segregated school and the public school were basically  
18 the same, under the same branch. We just had our own  
19 building basically. So when it comes -- when it comes  
20 to cafeteria and recess, recess, we would hang out  
21 with the other children. Well, when it came to  
22 children of my culture, we had our own class.

23 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

24 MR. GEORGE: And my grandmother was the  
25 teacher there.



1 SA JOHNSON: What school was it?

2 MR. GEORGE: Bagley Elementary in Green  
3 Wood.

4 SA JOHNSON: Bagley, okay.

5 MR. GEORGE: But the -- the Gypsy culture,  
6 because my culture is the Romani, that school closed  
7 in '94. It opened probably in the 70's, but it closed  
8 down in '94.

9 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So do you think that  
10 there should be segregated schools now?

11 MR. GEORGE: It's not up to me.

12 SA JOHNSON: Well, I'm just asking what you  
13 think.

14 MR. GEORGE: I mean, it all depends. I  
15 mean, some people are okay, some people would probably  
16 be okay with that. Some people would probably want to  
17 be more progressive, like there should be segregated  
18 schools. I mean, I can't speak for other cultures,  
19 but for my culture, yes, I believe we should be  
20 separate from other cultures, because there's -- I  
21 would say our ideology is different, our cultures are  
22 different.

23 SA JOHNSON: Do you mean -- and I'm just  
24 trying to understand. Do you mean White -- White  
25 people should be segregated from Black people in

1 school?

2 MR. GEORGE: I believe Gypsy people should  
3 be separated from White and Black people in school,  
4 because they're different. They're raised  
5 differently.

6 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

7 MR. GEORGE: And I don't -- and I believe  
8 it should happen, because it will -- you know, we  
9 don't want to lose our culture. We don't want to --  
10 we don't want our culture to fade away. We want to  
11 keep it alive. So I believe in self-segregation.  
12 When it comes to Whites and Blacks, they can do with  
13 each other all they want, but when it comes to my  
14 culture, I kind of prefer just to stay within my  
15 culture.

16 SA JOHNSON: Do you ever -- is there ever  
17 any business that you have, just in your own personal  
18 life that you know of, that is like say a Black, you  
19 know, someone who's African American or there's more  
20 African Americans that are customers of the business  
21 that you avoid? Do you purposely avoid places where  
22 you think there are --

23 MR. GEORGE: Well, if I go to a cannabis  
24 store, I know there's African Americans in the shop,  
25 in a cannabis store. A lot of them are African

1 American-owned, so I don't pay attention. I just go  
2 about my business. If I need marijuana, if I need pot  
3 to deal with my depression, I'll go to the dispensary.

4 SA JOHNSON: Okay. But do you think -- do  
5 you think that the -- like when you go to like  
6 Cushman's or whatever marijuana store --

7 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

8 SA JOHNSON: -- do you think when you go  
9 in, do you think that the Black people should not be  
10 there while you're there?

11 MR. GEORGE: I mean, they have to have the  
12 same freedom I have to go anywhere you want, but I  
13 just prefer not to be around them; I prefer not to  
14 associate with them.

15 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

16 MR. GEORGE: But I don't hate all Black  
17 people. I have neighbors who are Black. One of my  
18 neighbors, she's an African American woman, she's in a  
19 wheelchair. I think she has an illness called M.S.,  
20 I'm not familiar with, by the way. I remember we were  
21 -- you know, we were cooking a barbecue. My sister  
22 and my brother-in-law were making a barbecue, cooking  
23 food. I offered her some food. And I believe she  
24 passed out because she's got M.S. and I seen that she  
25 was unresponsive, so I called the ambulance.

1 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

2 MR. GEORGE: Because I didn't want nothing  
3 to happen to her.

4 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

5 MR. GEORGE: I felt bad. I had no choice,  
6 like this woman could be dying, and I have to call the  
7 ambulance. And she's an African American, by the way.

8 SA JOHNSON: Okay. I've got to go check on  
9 Josh out there. He said he's got (inaudible).

10 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

11 SA JOHNSON: But do you -- do you want to  
12 stay in here or do you want to --

13 TFO SIMMONS: It doesn't matter to me.

14 SA JOHNSON: You want to stay in here?

15 TFO SIMMONS: Um hum.

16 SA JOHNSON: Okay. I'm just going to leave  
17 everything in here.

18 (SA Johnson left the room.)

19 TFO SIMMONS: That's fine. We shouldn't be  
20 much longer.

21 MR. GEORGE: Okay. I mean, I made  
22 mistakes. I deserve to be here. I'm not going to  
23 argue, "Hey, why did you guys do this?" I made a  
24 mistake, so I get what I deserve.

25 TFO SIMMONS: I appreciate your frankness

1 and truthfulness, I really do.

2 Um, earlier you were talking about  
3 ideologies and customs.

4 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

5 TFO SIMMONS: Can you explain that for me,  
6 what you mean?

7 MR. GEORGE: I grew up in the Romani  
8 culture. It is very back-dated. They're very  
9 old-fashioned. They're very conservative. And I had  
10 an ideology growing up, like I said, I would have  
11 White and Black friends at school. I would get  
12 accosted by my parents for dealing with kids who were  
13 White or Black. I would get threatened. If you did,  
14 they would tell me, "If you deal with other kids like  
15 that again, you deal with Whites and Blacks, we'll  
16 starve you. We'll -- we'll make sure you don't eat  
17 today. We'll make sure -- we'll take all of your  
18 video games. We'll take away your T.V. time." Like  
19 they would literally accost me for having friends who  
20 were not my culture. So I grew up with that racist  
21 ideology through my parents.

22 TFO SIMMONS: Is your mother still that  
23 way?

24 MR. GEORGE: Well, her boyfriend's White.  
25 I mean, she used to accost me for having White

1 friends, but now she's dating older White men now.

2 So I think she still has that ideology. I  
3 mean, I don't think you just lose an ideology. I  
4 think it just -- even if you try to fight against it,  
5 it's still imbedded in you. I was raised to hate. I  
6 didn't have a chance to grow up like a normal kid. I  
7 was raised around domestic violence. I witnessed my  
8 mother get beat up by my father a lot. I had  
9 witnessed my older brother who was in and out of jail.  
10 If you look up his name, you can see he has a lot of  
11 arrests for things. He was in and out of jail. He  
12 used to give me drugs. He used to beat up my mother.  
13 He used to bring people that were on heavy drugs to  
14 our home. I never felt safe.

15 TFO SIMMONS: This is your brother or  
16 your --

17 MR. GEORGE: My older brother, yeah.

18 My dad was addicted to gambling. He was  
19 barely home. I didn't -- I mean, he didn't run away.  
20 He didn't walk out on my mother and my siblings, but  
21 he was barely around. I didn't really spend much time  
22 with him. He was addicted to gambling. He was  
23 probably going through a midlife crisis. He was never  
24 home. He was just doing his own thing all of the  
25 time.

1           Uh, I was neglected as a child. I wasn't  
2 really paid attention to. I'm not using that as an  
3 excuse, by the way. It's just I grew up in a very  
4 cold environment. Every time I was sick, I'd have  
5 depression, I tried to talk to my parents and they  
6 were basically -- they didn't want to -- they didn't  
7 want to hear it or they didn't really acknowledge it.  
8 Because in my culture, there's a big stigma about  
9 mental health. Unlike, you know, Caucasians, African  
10 Americans, other cultures, they have mental health  
11 they seek. I mean, I'm seeing a therapist now because  
12 I'm an adult, but back when I was younger, I would get  
13 very depressed, very suicidal. I would try to tell my  
14 mother, but my mother had this mind where I'm just  
15 doing it to get attention. She never took it serious.  
16 And like I've been suffering from depression and PTSD  
17 for a long time. So I started seeing a therapist in  
18 June of last year.

19           TFO SIMMONS: When did the PTSD start?

20           MR. GEORGE: You know what? I'm trying to  
21 think. From what I remember, it started probably  
22 around 2003, about 19 years ago. I probably had it  
23 before that, but I know it was in 2003 I had severe  
24 anger problems. I was starting to get angry all of  
25 the time. I'd just -- a lot of times I'll wake up in

1 the middle of the night and I sweat really bad. I  
2 think about the time [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED].

5 There's -- the thing is about Gypsy  
6 culture, they don't acknowledge their faults. They  
7 don't acknowledge the flaws. Like every culture has  
8 its flaws. There's -- there's good and bad apples in  
9 every culture. When it comes to Gypsy people, they're  
10 very in denial. [REDACTED]. I  
11 dealt with a lot of bullying. I had my own cousin  
12 throw me out of a moving car one time. He threw me on  
13 a curb and kicked me in the ribs over an argument --  
14 over an argument that was pointless.

15 So I've been bullied my whole life. I've  
16 been called names my whole life. In our culture  
17 you've got to be married at a certain age and I'm  
18 37 years old, not married, no -- no children. And I  
19 get lectured by other people within my community.  
20 They say you're a faggot, you're a queer, you don't  
21 have kids. You're not married. You're a retard and  
22 you're never going to be nothing in life. You're a  
23 disgrace to your family. So I grew up hearing that.  
24 It didn't bother me no more because I was used to it.

25 I was used to being accosted by the members



1 of my own community for not being married, for not  
2 having children. I come from a very conservative  
3 culture where if you're -- if you're at a certain age  
4 and you're not married, you don't give -- you don't  
5 give birth to children, they look at you, you know,  
6 like you're weird.

7 Like I say, I never really had a normal  
8 childhood. I never really had a chance for a normal  
9 childhood.

10 TFO SIMMONS: Are you seeing anyone now?

11 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I'm seeing a therapist  
12 now at Kaiser Permanente at Northgate.

13 TFO SIMMONS: Do you feel that that's  
14 helping?

15 MR. GEORGE: It's a start. I mean, I -- I  
16 believe it's a step in the right direction. I mean,  
17 my therapist, in a way I feel like she understands me.  
18 I feel like, when I talk to her, that acknowledging  
19 that there's something wrong with me. There's  
20 something terribly wrong with me. (Crying)

21 TFO SIMMONS: Earlier you said that you've  
22 -- you've called the crisis help lines.

23 MR. GEORGE: (Nodding head up and down).

24 TFO SIMMONS: Can you talk to me about  
25 that?

1 MR. GEORGE: [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] It  
3 triggers like severe emotion. And thinking about it,  
4 it just does something negative to me and I have to  
5 call a Crisis Line. When I think about the domestic  
6 violence [REDACTED] and the bullying, it's  
7 too much to bear sometimes.

8 (SA Johnson came back into  
9 the room.)

10 TFO SIMMONS: Okay.

11 MR. GEORGE: Then I watch channels, like  
12 Fox News channel, and they just show videos of Black  
13 men assaulting women, Black men raping women, and it's  
14 triggering me off too much.

15 And I have negative interactions with  
16 African Americans. I've been called racial slurs, but  
17 African Americans. I've been threatened by African  
18 Americans before. My mother was threatened by an  
19 African American man before. And --

20 SA JOHNSON: Hey, Joey, when did you start  
21 making calls like this? When was the first one you  
22 started making?

23 MR. GEORGE: Um, let me think. I did it so  
24 many times, and I was under the influence when I was  
25 doing it, so I'm trying to think. Probably what, it

1     probably started last year when the rise against  
2     Asians -- when the attacks on Asians like hit an  
3     all-time high last year maybe, that's the time that I  
4     started doing it.

5             SA JOHNSON:   Well, what about like after  
6     your dad passed away?

7             MR. GEORGE:   No, I wasn't making calls and  
8     threatening people when my dad passed away, no.

9             SA JOHNSON:   No?

10            MR. GEORGE:   It was a different time back  
11     then.

12            SA JOHNSON:   Was it -- there's been a lot  
13     of news stories. Was it, do you think it was after  
14     George Floyd? Do you think it was -- there's been  
15     some others in (inaudible).

16            MR. GEORGE:   Since the pandemic, I mean, I  
17     have negative experiences with African Americans. I  
18     have positive experiences as well. I don't blame the  
19     whole race, but I just -- when I see on the news, I'm  
20     always seeing Black people assault women and they're  
21     getting light jail sentences, they're getting slaps on  
22     the wrists, and they should be punished to the full  
23     extent of the law, regardless of their skin color.

24            SA JOHNSON:   So when was the first call you  
25     made?

1 MR. GEORGE: Probably a year ago. Probably  
2 last summer.

3 SA JOHNSON: And who, who did you call?

4 MR. GEORGE: I probably called a  
5 restaurant. It could have been -- it could have been  
6 the state of Texas I remember. I probably called a  
7 restaurant in Texas.

8 SA JOHNSON: What city in Texas?

9 MR. GEORGE: Houston probably.

10 SA JOHNSON: How come Houston?

11 MR. GEORGE: It's predominantly a Black  
12 city.

13 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What was the name of  
14 the restaurant?

15 MR. GEORGE: Um, Little Italy, Maggiano's  
16 Little Italy Restaurant, an Italian restaurant.

17 SA JOHNSON: Okay. And you thought there  
18 would be a lot Black people at that restaurant?

19 MR. GEORGE: Well, I wasn't there. I mean,  
20 I was out of state, but I figured, you know, just  
21 drive the fear into them.

22 SA JOHNSON: And you were -- were you here  
23 in Washington?

24 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. I haven't been to the  
25 state of Texas.

1                   SA JOHNSON: Were you at the address  
2 -- were you at your home here?

3                   MR. GEORGE: In Lynnwood. And when I was  
4 living in Shoreline, I didn't make phone calls like  
5 this. It was a different time then.

6                   SA JOHNSON: When did you move from  
7 Shoreline to Lynnwood?

8                   MR. GEORGE: June of last year, June of  
9 2021.

10                  SA JOHNSON: Okay.

11                  MR. GEORGE: The whole time I was living in  
12 Shoreline, I wasn't doing that. I started doing that  
13 when I moved to Lynnwood.

14                  SA JOHNSON: Okay. So the -- you called  
15 the place in Houston. Then what other states have you  
16 called?

17                  MR. GEORGE: Like it's probably Texas,  
18 Georgia, New York. Um...

19                  SA JOHNSON: What -- what businesses in  
20 Georgia?

21                  MR. GEORGE: Soul food restaurants  
22 probably, like Black-owned businesses.

23                  SA JOHNSON: Okay. And you were calling  
24 because you thought there was a -- all of these places  
25 you called, you just picked on the Internet, but you

1 picked it based on the fact that you --

2 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, um hum.

3 SA JOHNSON: -- thought the population,  
4 there was a population --

5 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

6 SA JOHNSON: There was a large population  
7 of African Americans that you thought would be there?

8 MR. GEORGE: Correct.

9 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What other -- I mean,  
10 have you called -- we've talked about Michigan, we've  
11 talked about Texas, Georgia, New York, California.

12 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

13 SA JOHNSON: What other states?

14 MR. GEORGE: That's all I remember. If I  
15 do, if anything crosses my mind, I could tell you.  
16 I'm trying to figure it out. I called multiple states  
17 and multiple cities and multiple states, but that's  
18 the ones that I remember.

19 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Um...

20 TFO SIMMONS: Last year you made a few  
21 calls around September 11th. Why did you choose that  
22 date?

23 MR. GEORGE: It had nothing to do with  
24 9-11. It just happened on that day. It had nothing  
25 to do with 9-11, though.

1 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

2 TFO SIMMONS: Do you remember who you  
3 called those days?

4 MR. GEORGE: Restaurants probably on the  
5 East Coast. Could have been restaurants. Maybe it  
6 could have been in New York or Connecticut, probably.  
7 It could have been.

8 SA JOHNSON: Do you remember where in  
9 Connecticut?

10 MR. GEORGE: It could have been a Denny's  
11 Restaurant maybe.

12 SA JOHNSON: So you do remember?

13 MR. GEORGE: I do remember, but I don't --  
14 I don't remember everything, because I did it so many  
15 times, I'm trying to process it at the same time.

16 SA JOHNSON: Ballpark it here. This  
17 doesn't have to be -- this is just a guess. This is  
18 just in your information, because we weren't there.

19 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

20 SA JOHNSON: How many businesses do you  
21 think you've called and made these types of threats?

22 MR. GEORGE: Since last year?

23 SA JOHNSON: Since you started.

24 MR. GEORGE: Oh, hmmm... I don't want to  
25 lie to you at the same time, so I want to get -- I

1 want to tell you the truth, but I don't remember. It  
2 could have been more than 20 probably, maybe 15 or 20,  
3 if I had to take a guess.

4 SA JOHNSON: Well, um...

5 MR. GEORGE: A lot of times I was under the  
6 -- I was smoking large amounts of marijuana and I was  
7 high.

8 SA JOHNSON: You know, you know that's not  
9 an excuse, though, right?

10 MR. GEORGE: No, it's not an excuse.

11 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

12 MR. GEORGE: But the thing is, I can't  
13 remember every single one because I did so much, I  
14 can't remember. So some of them just got lost in the  
15 shuffle basically.

16 SA JOHNSON: So what makes you -- when you  
17 call, you call multiple times, right? And you call  
18 multiple businesses. What -- how are you doing this  
19 like once a day, once a week?

20 MR. GEORGE: It could happen randomly. I  
21 don't pick a time. It just happens. I could just get  
22 triggered and just call. I don't pick a date and  
23 time. It just happens randomly with me. And it  
24 happened on September 11 of all days. And I didn't  
25 mean it. It had nothing to do with 9-11. It just



1 happened on that date.

2 SA JOHNSON: But it just -- you know,  
3 there's always a lot of news. You might do a lot on  
4 one day (inaudible).

5 MR. GEORGE: The best thing to do is check  
6 my call log. Maybe that will help more, because  
7 that's -- I -- I can tell you what I remember.

8 SA JOHNSON: Um hum. What do you remember?

9 MR. GEORGE: As far as I told you, I called  
10 businesses in New York. I called a business in Texas,  
11 a couple of businesses in Georgia.

12 But I don't make the same threats, though.  
13 A lot of times I don't make the same exact threats.  
14 Sometimes I threaten I'm going to shoot up everybody  
15 here. "I can't stand it, you guys, I'm going to kill  
16 everybody there." And sometimes I -- and sometimes I  
17 just call up and I pretend I want to go to this  
18 restaurant, but do not seat me next to African  
19 Americans. I just do it to see their reaction. So  
20 not all of the businesses I call I make violent  
21 threats. Some businesses I call and just use, you  
22 know, use racial slurs. So every business I call  
23 wasn't a violent threat.

24 SA JOHNSON: So, um, I lost my train of  
25 thought.

1           MR. GEORGE: I hope I'm helping in the best  
2 way I could.

3           SA JOHNSON: Right. Well, we're trying to  
4 understand here.

5           MR. GEORGE: Okay.

6           SA JOHNSON: We're trying to figure  
7 -- we're trying to sort this out and figure out why,  
8 why this -- why this is going on.

9           So it -- um, sorry, I lost my train of  
10 thought.

11           Um, if -- if you were averaging, if you  
12 just had to like average per week, how many times do  
13 you call places?

14           MR. GEORGE: Um, sometimes I can go a whole  
15 month without calling places, sometimes maybe a couple  
16 of times a week maybe, maybe two three times a week,  
17 or sometimes -- sometimes a few months go by where I  
18 don't call anybody. So --

19           SA JOHNSON: Okay. And what do you want to  
20 have happen. When you -- let's -- let's take the one  
21 incident. Let's go back to the one in San Bernardino.  
22 The one that was pretty recent. Do you remember that?

23           MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

24           SA JOHNSON: On the call, correct me if I'm  
25 wrong, you said you wanted to -- you wanted the

1 restaurant to close in 20 minutes or else you would  
2 come shoot all of the Black people in the restaurant?

3 MR. GEORGE: That's right.

4 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So you want these  
5 businesses to close, to shut down their doors?

6 MR. GEORGE: Just that's a scare tactic. I  
7 had no plans on actually going there and shooting up  
8 everybody.

9 SA JOHNSON: Right, but --

10 MR. GEORGE: But just to scare them.

11 SA JOHNSON: But -- but so now let's move  
12 forward to when you called the Tops grocery store in  
13 Buffalo a couple of days ago.

14 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

15 SA JOHNSON: You -- did you hear on the  
16 news that they had shut down the restaurant or shut  
17 down the grocery store or anything or --

18 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

19 SA JOHNSON: What did you hear  
20 specifically?

21 MR. GEORGE: I mean, there was a mass  
22 shooting two months ago, that was on. That's how I  
23 knew about it. I never knew that store existed until  
24 I seen the mass shooting. And I guess I was inspired  
25 to scare them. I wasn't going to do what that guy

1 did, obviously, but I wanted to just, you know, make  
2 them scared, like make them scared.

3 SA JOHNSON: And but did you want the store  
4 to close?

5 MR. GEORGE: That was my intention. Not  
6 for like closed down forever, but just for that moment  
7 in time, just to show them how -- I just wanted them  
8 to get scared enough to close it for that one moment,  
9 for that moment in time.

10 TFO SIMMONS: How long -- how long were you  
11 hoping it would be closed?

12 MR. GEORGE: A day or two probably.

13 SA JOHNSON: Just so Black people wouldn't  
14 go to the store?

15 MR. GEORGE: Just so they can be scared. I  
16 mean, not just so they can be scared in that moment of  
17 time.

18 TFO SIMMONS: But by closing -- but by  
19 closing the store, you understand that prevents them  
20 from being able to go to the store, correct?

21 MR. GEORGE: Yes. Yes, correct.

22 SA JOHNSON: And when you called back to  
23 the store the next day --

24 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

25 SA JOHNSON: -- and talked to somebody

1     there, didn't you say that you were -- you were almost  
2     -- well, would you say you were excited at the thought  
3     that maybe the store had closed or that something had  
4     happened because of your phone call?

5                     MR. GEORGE:    Yes.

6                     SA JOHNSON:   You -- what did you say?   So  
7     tell me about that.   What did you say?

8                     MR. GEORGE:   I feel like it's revenge.   I  
9     felt like a sense of revenge, that this one particular  
10    group of people is causing so much damage to a lot of  
11    other communities and I want to show them a lesson,  
12    like they're doing too much.

13                    And like I was raised to hate Black people.  
14    Like my family always told me Blacks are the children  
15    of Satan.   Like I came from a deep religious family  
16    who has a history of not liking African Americans.  
17    Like my culture goes centuries back not liking African  
18    Americans.

19                    SA JOHNSON:   So when you -- you were happy?  
20    You were happy; is that the right word?   Tell me how  
21    you felt if -- if that store, because you had -- you  
22    had believed that store closed or something; is that  
23    correct?

24                    MR. GEORGE:   Yeah.

25                    SA JOHNSON:   So tell me how that made you

1 feel when you heard that.

2 MR. GEORGE: I felt a sense of revenge. I  
3 felt like a sense of revenge.

4 SA JOHNSON: And you were -- you felt like  
5 what you had done had actually --

6 MR. GEORGE: Sending -- sending a message  
7 to the Black community; sending a message to the  
8 African community that they're doing too much and some  
9 people are tired of it. A lot of people just want to  
10 sit back and watch.

11 SA JOHNSON: So it was sending -- like you  
12 said, you were sending --

13 MR. GEORGE: A message.

14 SA JOHNSON: -- that message. And that you  
15 -- okay. Uh, (whispering inaudibly).

16 How long did you want that -- how long  
17 would you want to prevent Black people from going into  
18 that store?

19 MR. GEORGE: I don't care if it closed down  
20 for a half an hour or a whole day. That would -- that  
21 would be good enough.

22 SA JOHNSON: It would have been a success?

23 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. I'm not expecting the  
24 business to close down and completely go out of  
25 business, I know they won't do that, but if they

1 closed down for that moment in time, that one time --

2 SA JOHNSON: Black people?

3 MR. GEORGE: -- then I know I did my job.

4 I know I did -- I did what I wanted to do, basically.

5 It was --

6 TFO SIMMONS: And what --

7 MR. GEORGE: Huh?

8 TFO SIMMONS: And what do you feel your job  
9 was?

10 MR. GEORGE: To scare them. I feel like  
11 the law in the country, this ideology that's pandering  
12 them too much and it's giving them the right-of-way to  
13 commit heinous crimes and to not have no respect for  
14 the law or anything, even though I kind of (inaudible)  
15 so I kind of, but that's what it was. I don't like  
16 the way they just disrespect police officers. I don't  
17 like that I'm always hearing cops are being shot at by  
18 young African American teenagers.

19 I heard a story -- and this is what really  
20 triggered me off. I heard a story of an Asian woman  
21 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was jogging at a park and  
22 about ten African Americans jumped her, beat her to  
23 death and raped her. But the story got swept under  
24 the rug. It was not talked about by mainstream media.  
25 You can look it up.

1                   SA JOHNSON: Is that why you called the  
2                   Tops Grocery Store?

3                   MR. GEORGE: That had a lot to do with it.

4                   SA JOHNSON: Okay. What other businesses  
5                   did you call in New York in the last couple of days?

6                   MR. GEORGE: Carmine's Little Italy,  
7                   Carmine's Italian Restaurant, and Tops Food, that I  
8                   know of.

9                   SA JOHNSON: Okay.

10                  MR. GEORGE: I don't know if there's any  
11                  other business in New York that I called.

12                  SA JOHNSON: So you did the Google searches  
13                  on your phone --

14                  MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

15                  SA JOHNSON: -- to find these places?

16                  MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

17                  SA JOHNSON: To find phone numbers?

18                  MR. GEORGE: Um hum. Well, when it came to  
19                  Carmine's Restaurant, I actually ate at Carmine's  
20                  Restaurant when I was on vacation in Las Vegas five  
21                  years ago. I've actually been to that restaurant  
22                  before, so I knew about it. Then I seen on the news  
23                  that a group of Black women assaulted an Asian  
24                  waitress at Carmine's and they swept it under the rug.  
25                  They didn't get -- it wasn't labeled as a hate crime.



1 I feel like Black people can attack other groups and  
2 not be labeled as a hate crime, but if it's a White  
3 person attacks -- let's say a White person attacks an  
4 Asian person, they'll get hate crime charges. A Black  
5 person does it, they'll just say okay, I have a mental  
6 health problem, it's not a hate crime. I feel like  
7 there's a lot of injustice that I feel like a certain  
8 race is given, you know, pardoned more, like a certain  
9 -- we're pandering to a certain race all because  
10 you're (inaudible).

11 SA JOHNSON: Okay. What other businesses  
12 did you call?

13 MR. GEORGE: Tops Food. I called some  
14 dispensaries from out of state. I called a restaurant  
15 in what part of California, San Bernardino.

16 SA JOHNSON: Oh, talk about New York in the  
17 last couple of days, just --

18 MR. GEORGE: Just -- recently just  
19 Carmine's and Tops Food. I usually don't call New  
20 York businesses because New York has a lot of  
21 foreigners and they don't speak good enough English  
22 and it's hard to talk to a person who doesn't speak  
23 good enough English. I feel like I can't get my  
24 message across. So I won't call a lot of businesses  
25 in New York because there's a lot of immigrants, that

1 their English is broken. So I avoid calling places in  
2 New York.

3 SA JOHNSON: Okay. But you just said --

4 MR. GEORGE: But the Tops Food, it was on  
5 national headlines and like, okay, like this place is  
6 known now. It's popular now. It's infamous. So if I  
7 was to call this place and make a threat against Black  
8 people, they're going to take it serious, because  
9 there was a mass shooting there.

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So if it hadn't been in  
11 the news any --

12 MR. GEORGE: I probably wouldn't know about  
13 it. I never heard.

14 SA JOHNSON: You (inaudible) --

15 MR. GEORGE: I would never like think about  
16 Buffalo, New York, but that's a city that never  
17 crossed my mind.

18 SA JOHNSON: Um hum.

19 MR. GEORGE: But I seen it on the news,  
20 there was a mass shooting there a couple of months  
21 ago, and --

22 SA JOHNSON: Yeah. What do you -- what do  
23 you think about that shooting?

24 MR. GEORGE: I personally don't believe in  
25 murder. I would never kill anybody, regardless of

1 their race. If it was the only way, if I had to kill,  
2 it would be self-defense. If someone was trying to  
3 kill me, I'll try to defend myself. But randomly  
4 killing, I don't agree with that. At the same time,  
5 sympathy for the Black victims, I don't feel sympathy,  
6 because I see what they do to Asians, I see what they  
7 do to other minority groups, so I didn't feel no  
8 sympathy.

9 SA JOHNSON: Do you want that to happen  
10 again?

11 MR. GEORGE: That wouldn't be my choice.  
12 If other people do it, they're just going to do it.

13 SA JOHNSON: Would you support it, though?

14 MR. GEORGE: I would support it by how?  
15 Like --

16 SA JOHNSON: You wouldn't disagree if it  
17 happened again? How would you feel about it if it  
18 happened again?

19 MR. GEORGE: I felt like -- I mean, what  
20 goes around, comes around. I feel like African  
21 Americans, they're attacking women every day. They're  
22 robbing people. They're following people home.  
23 They're doing a lot of home invasions. So if  
24 something happens to their community, it's fair game.  
25 I believe it's fair game.

1           SA JOHNSON: Does that go for say the  
2 Muslim community? Because you mentioned that guy in  
3 Michigan. Does that same --

4           MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

5           SA JOHNSON: Does that same apply to  
6 (inaudible) Muslims?

7           MR. GEORGE: I don't like Muslims either.  
8 I do not like that religion. I think that religion is  
9 evil. And I, if anything happens to a Muslim person,  
10 I don't -- I don't feel -- I don't feel sorry. I  
11 won't do nothing personally, because I'm not a  
12 murderer and I wouldn't assault people, but if someone  
13 else did it, then I'm not bothering. I feel like it's  
14 justified.

15          SA JOHNSON: What is it that you don't like  
16 about the Muslims, about the Muslim religion?

17          MR. GEORGE: 9-11, I don't -- I don't like  
18 -- you know, that they're -- if you -- like if you  
19 read some of the stuff, what the Koran says, they're  
20 like rape is okay and in their religion murder is  
21 okay. And I just think they're trying to bring that  
22 ideology here to a Western country. I believe the  
23 United States is a Christian country and I don't like  
24 other religions, you know, forcing their beliefs down  
25 our throats.

1           SA JOHNSON: Okay. If -- have you made any  
2 threat like to a Muslim, you know, where Muslims  
3 frequent a business, have you made threats like you  
4 have with the Blacks?

5           MR. GEORGE: I mean, I called some cannabis  
6 shops. I didn't make no violent threats, because I  
7 would say I would just call randomly and say I want to  
8 come to your shop for some marijuana, but if there's a  
9 Muslim person there, I'm not doing business with them,  
10 but I never made no violent threats against Muslims.

11          SA JOHNSON: Where were those businesses?

12          MR. GEORGE: Like cannabis stores, like  
13 maybe stores around here, but I won't make a violent  
14 threat. If there's a store here, I won't make a  
15 violent threat because I feel like they'll trace it  
16 back to me right away.

17          SA JOHNSON: So stores, you have called  
18 stores in Washington?

19          MR. GEORGE: But not -- not -- not for  
20 violent threats, though.

21          SA JOHNSON: But -- but you called to  
22 threaten them?

23          MR. GEORGE: I just said I don't want to do  
24 business with certain minority groups there. The  
25 violent threats are pretty much out-of-state

1 businesses.

2 SA JOHNSON: And you're primarily not  
3 making the violent threats in Washington because you  
4 don't want to get caught?

5 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, that was my intention.  
6 But either way, I got caught anyway. So --

7 SA JOHNSON: Yeah. So tell me about  
8 -- tell me about in the last couple of days, did you  
9 do anything to try and get caught when you were  
10 calling?

11 MR. GEORGE: I figured it was just a phone  
12 call. I figured they're not going to take it  
13 seriously. I figure the justice system was broken and  
14 I figured people are doing more violent crimes and  
15 they're doing --

16 SA JOHNSON: Did you -- did try to mask  
17 your phone number at all?

18 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

19 SA JOHNSON: Did you try to hide it? How  
20 did you try to hide your phone number?

21 MR. GEORGE: Star 67.

22 SA JOHNSON: Have you done that before?

23 MR. GEORGE: I did that when I called  
24 businesses in Washington.

25 SA JOHNSON: When did you do that before?

1 MR. GEORGE: I think every time I made a  
2 phone call, I press it. If I make a phone call like  
3 that, I tried to have the number blocked at all times.

4 SA JOHNSON: Every time?

5 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

6 SA JOHNSON: Okay.

7 MR. GEORGE: I mean, there's chances I  
8 could call an unblocked number, but most of the time I  
9 do block my number.

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. Because, um, so you  
11 know what you're doing --

12 MR. GEORGE: (Nodding head up and down).

13 SA JOHNSON: -- on some level --

14 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

15 SA JOHNSON: -- it is not right?

16 MR. GEORGE: It's not right. Nothing is  
17 right.

18 SA JOHNSON: You know it's against the  
19 law --

20 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

21 SA JOHNSON: -- what you're doing?

22 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

23 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So what do you think  
24 should happen about that?

25 MR. GEORGE: I don't control the law, so I

1 don't know. I mean, I know I'm in some kind of  
2 trouble here. I mean, it's really on you guys what's  
3 going to happen.

4 SA JOHNSON: Right, but what do you -- what  
5 do you think? Like what were you -- if -- if someone  
6 was calling and threatening, let's just take you out  
7 of the equation.

8 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

9 SA JOHNSON: Let's just take -- let's just  
10 say Dave here, you never met Dave in your life.

11 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

12 SA JOHNSON: And he called a business, say  
13 Tops in Buffalo. And he said, made the exact, same  
14 statements that you did.

15 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

16 SA JOHNSON: What do you think should  
17 happen to Dave?

18 MR. GEORGE: The same thing that happened  
19 to me. The same thing that's happening to me right  
20 now.

21 SA JOHNSON: And but beyond this, after  
22 -- after today, should he go to jail? Should he  
23 -- what should happen to him after this?

24 MR. GEORGE: He should go to jail.

25 SA JOHNSON: For how long?



1           MR. GEORGE: That I don't know. It depends  
2 if he actually assaulted someone or killed someone,  
3 then he should be punished to the full extent of the  
4 law. If it was just a prank phone call, maybe he  
5 should, you know, be on house arrest or have a day in  
6 court.

7           SA JOHNSON: These -- these are beyond  
8 prank arrests -- or prank calls.

9           MR. GEORGE: Um hum, yeah.

10          SA JOHNSON: Why -- why are they beyond  
11 prank calls? Why do you think they are beyond pranks?

12          MR. GEORGE: Well, they're pranks, but  
13 they're just very scary pranks, because there's no  
14 intention to carry out the plans. It's just a prank.

15          SA JOHNSON: But you -- the people on the  
16 other line don't know that.

17          MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

18          SA JOHNSON: The law enforcement on the  
19 other line that are responding to that don't know  
20 that.

21          MR. GEORGE: That's correct.

22          TFO SIMMONS: You understand you put a lot  
23 of people in fear, correct?

24          MR. GEORGE: Yeah, correct.

25          TFO SIMMONS: You understand that by these

1 places shutting down, it deprives access to those  
2 locations?

3 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

4 TFO SIMMONS: Do you understand that?

5 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I understand.

6 TFO SIMMONS: And you understand -- you  
7 understood that before today, correct?

8 MR. GEORGE: Correct.

9 TFO SIMMONS: Okay.

10 MR. GEORGE: But at the time I just -- I  
11 just stopped caring, I guess. I seen what the country  
12 became in the last two years, the lawlessness, the  
13 soft-on-crime-policies, and I just got tired of  
14 everything. I figured like the police are being  
15 de-funded. Police are quitting their jobs at record  
16 highs. You know, people are committing violent crimes  
17 and they're only getting a slap on the wrist and it  
18 just -- it just triggered me off.

19 SA JOHNSON: Joey, I want to go back to a  
20 statement that you made --

21 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

22 SA JOHNSON: -- a few minutes ago. You  
23 said you didn't -- when you called Washington  
24 businesses.

25 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

1           SA JOHNSON: You didn't make threats of  
2 violence because you didn't want to get caught?

3           MR. GEORGE: Because it's in the same dates  
4 because I know automatically it will go to  
5 (inaudible). They'll send my number and someone will  
6 pick me up. I figured out of state I'll be more safe  
7 because it's out of my jurisdiction.

8           SA JOHNSON: Okay. Well, we have a record  
9 from the Seattle Police Department.

10          MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

11          SA JOHNSON: That your -- your phone number  
12 called Have a Heart Dispensary in Belltown and  
13 threatened to shoot all of the Black people there.

14          MR. GEORGE: In Belltown, in Seattle?

15          SA JOHNSON: Yes.

16          MR. GEORGE: Do you know the date and time?

17          SA JOHNSON: Yeah. It's January 16th of  
18 this year.

19          MR. GEORGE: What time was it at?

20          SA JOHNSON: Well, um, around 11:00, 11:00  
21 or so in the morning-ish.

22          MR. GEORGE: No.

23          SA JOHNSON: You don't recall? You don't  
24 recall that?

25          MR. GEORGE: No, I don't remember.

1           SA JOHNSON: Because here's the deal, Joey.  
2     You've been talking to us. And I think for the most  
3     part you've been honest, but I don't think you've been  
4     completely honest with some of these things that  
5     you've done, right? I think you remember more  
6     businesses that you've called.

7           MR. GEORGE: It's just that I called so  
8     many, I -- I admit I did it so many times that I got  
9     lost, like I have to think.

10          SA JOHNSON: Okay. So I want to be -- I  
11     want -- I want -- I'm going to give you another  
12     opportunity to tell the truth. When is the first time  
13     you started calling a business and (inaudible)?

14          MR. GEORGE: June 11th, probably June of  
15     last year.

16          SA JOHNSON: Okay. And that was the  
17     business in Texas?

18          MR. GEORGE: Yes.

19          SA JOHNSON: Okay. What else? Do you have  
20     anything else?

21                 Just a couple of minutes, because we are  
22     going to take you down to -- so what' going to happen  
23     next is we're going to take you to the, what we call  
24     the Federal Detention Center. The FBI side is a  
25     little bit different than the state side, so you go to

1 a federal facility.

2 MR. GEORGE: Um hum. Um hum.

3 SA JOHNSON: And that is down near Sea-Tac.

4 MR. GEORGE: Um hum. Is it safe there?

5 SA JOHNSON: Well, it's a -- it's a  
6 federal --

7 MR. GEORGE: I -- I don't know the  
8 difference between federal and state. This is my  
9 first time.

10 SA JOHNSON: Well, I mean, it's -- it's  
11 -- it's jail. Everybody -- everybody who works for  
12 the prison system does their very best to maintain the  
13 prison safely.

14 MR. GEORGE: But what I'm trying to say is

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19 SA JOHNSON: Yeah. Nobody likes prison,  
20 Joey. Nobody likes it. I wouldn't blame -- I mean,  
21 you're not the first person to -- to not like it.

22 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

23 SA JOHNSON: And so it's not -- it's not  
24 designed to be a pleasant place.

25 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

1 SA JOHNSON: Um, so are you in danger  
2 there? Not from -- not -- that there's a staff there,  
3 of course, to ensure all of the inmates' safety.

4 TFO SIMMONS: Cooperate--

5 SA JOHNSON: That's their job.

6 TFO SIMMONS: Cooperate with the staff. If  
7 you have any problems, come forward and say, "Hey,  
8 look, this prisoner is giving me an issue," and  
9 they'll listen to you.

10 MR. GEORGE: Are you sure?

11 TFO SIMMONS: The people that I've worked  
12 with down there, yeah, I'm confident in the system,  
13 but I can't vouch for everyone.

14 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

15 TFO SIMMONS: But the people that I have  
16 worked with, they're very professional.

17 MR. GEORGE: They're not going to lock me  
18 up with an actual killer or a rapist? Because like --

19 SA JOHNSON: (Inaudible). I mean, that's  
20 their -- they do their job. I'm just -- I'm here.

21 MR. GEORGE: And how long am I going to be  
22 there for?

23 SA JOHNSON: Well, tomorrow you'll have  
24 your initial appearance with the judge.

25 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

1           SA JOHNSON: And after that I'm not sure.  
2           It's all going to be -- the process kind of takes off  
3           tomorrow.

4           MR. GEORGE: Okay.

5           SA JOHNSON: AND so you mentioned you  
6           didn't bring any medicine with you.

7           MR. GEORGE: I mean, I haven't taken my  
8           medication in a while, but I think it would be  
9           necessary if I do have it.

10          SA JOHNSON: Right. And we can get that to  
11          you, but you don't even have your prescription pills  
12          at this point in time?

13          MR. GEORGE: No.

14          SA JOHNSON: You don't even have the pills  
15          available on you, right?

16          MR. GEORGE: No.

17          SA JOHNSON: Okay. So tell me about  
18          -- what -- you've been in. What sort of like  
19          healthcare do you have?

20          MR. GEORGE: I have insurance through  
21          Kaiser Permanente and am getting therapy through  
22          Kaiser Permanente.

23          SA JOHNSON: When did you start therapy?

24          MR. GEORGE: In June of last year.

25          SA JOHNSON: Okay. And that's -- that's

1       been exclusively with Kaiser?

2                   MR. GEORGE:   Yeah, I just get my therapy  
3       through there, yeah.

4                   SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   How many times a week  
5       do you go there?

6                   MR. GEORGE:   I haven't been there in a few  
7       months.   And it wasn't a once-a-week visit.   It was --  
8       like since the pandemic and everything being changed,  
9       it was like once every month-and-a-half, once every  
10      two months.

11                  SA JOHNSON:   Once per one to two months?

12                  MR. GEORGE:   Um hum.

13                  SA JOHNSON:   How many times total have you  
14      been to Kaiser?

15                  MR. GEORGE:   Let me see.   Probably about  
16      maybe -- maybe I had four or five sessions, at least.

17                  SA JOHNSON:   Total?

18                  MR. GEORGE:   Yeah.

19                  SA JOHNSON:   Okay.   And I think that's it,  
20      what I needed.

21                  So what -- what would -- is there anything  
22      else you want to tell us?   Is there anything else that  
23      we haven't asked you that you want to talk about?

24                  MR. GEORGE:   I mean, the most is that I  
25      made threatening phone calls to multiple businesses in



1 the last year. So other than that, I didn't commit  
2 other types of crimes, like physical crimes, no, just  
3 phone calls. Everything was a phone call.

4 SA JOHNSON: You understand this is beyond  
5 a phone call. You understand that?

6 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I'm just saying --

7 SA JOHNSON: The amount of resources, of  
8 law enforcement personnel.

9 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

10 SA JOHNSON: Of city monies, tax dollars,  
11 the amount of money that is required to respond to a  
12 serious threat like you -- that you committed to these  
13 businesses --

14 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

15 SA JOHNSON: -- is astronomical,  
16 astronomical. It's taking police away from their  
17 jobs.

18 MR. GEORGE: (Nodding head up and down).

19 SA JOHNSON: You say it's an empty threat.  
20 They don't know that. They have a duty, a sworn duty  
21 to protect life. And so there are a number of  
22 officers that have to respond to these things.

23 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

24 SA JOHNSON: And you know it's a joke or,  
25 you know, it's not real, but they don't and they're

1 compelled to respond to it.

2 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

3 SA JOHNSON: And when they respond to these  
4 things, that takes them away from other things, real  
5 crime.

6 MR. GEORGE: (Nodding head up and down.)

7 TFO SIMMONS: Especially the Tops in New  
8 York. They take that very seriously, especially after  
9 what happened.

10 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

11 SA JOHNSON: But that's the effect you were  
12 going for, wasn't it?

13 MR. GEORGE: Yes. And I'm a terrible  
14 person. There's no point in trying to hide it. I'm a  
15 very messed-up individual.

16 SA JOHNSON: What I'm trying to convey to  
17 you is --

18 MR. GEORGE: I -- I agree with you.

19 SA JOHNSON: -- you -- you -- you minimize  
20 it a little bit by calling these prank calls. They're  
21 not -- they're not prank calls.

22 MR. GEORGE: No, I'm fully aware.

23 SA JOHNSON: They're taken very seriously.

24 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

25 SA JOHNSON: You want to be protected.

1 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

2 SA JOHNSON: You -- you want -- you want  
3 people to listen to you when you feel in danger.

4 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

5 SA JOHNSON: Everybody else wants that too.

6 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

7 SA JOHNSON: Now --

8 MR. GEORGE: I'm 100% wrong. I'm not going  
9 to justify what I did. I'm wrong. I'm guilty.

10 SA JOHNSON: Okay. So that's where --  
11 we're going to -- we're going to go ahead and take you  
12 down there now.

13 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

14 SA JOHNSON: It will be a few more minutes  
15 of processing and things like that. So you've got  
16 your water. Just sit tight in here and we'll -- we'll  
17 come back and get the rest of the -- the things  
18 squared away. We'll get the car set up and all of  
19 that. Yes.

20 The time is 4:50 p.m. and this ends the  
21 recording.

22 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

23 (Hand-held tape recorder  
24 turned off; video still  
25 recording.)

1 SA JOHNSON: I think that's what we're  
2 going to do.

3 TFO SIMMONS: All right. (Inaudible)

4 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

5 TFO SIMMONS: Just stay calm. We'll keep  
6 you cuffed in the front now so you can drink your  
7 water and be a little bit more comfortable.

8 MR. GEORGE: I think you guys are really  
9 upset with me. I understand. I'm a terrible person.  
10 I'm not going to deny it. I did some bad things.

11 SA JOHNSON: Well, we want to -- we want to  
12 express to you the gravity of the situation.

13 MR. GEORGE: Now I'm fully aware.

14 SA JOHNSON: The FBI doesn't respond to  
15 just trivial things and small things that are state  
16 matters. And, as you can see, you know, you were  
17 trying to evade, you were purposefully trying to avoid  
18 being identified and being -- and being in this  
19 position you are in right now.

20 MR. GEORGE: I'm here now and you guys  
21 already know what I've done.

22 TFO SIMMONS: She means like the star 67.

23 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, oh, yeah. But once you  
24 guys caught me, I was going to admit to everything  
25 anyway.

1 TFO SIMMONS: We appreciate that.

2 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I basically am a loser.

3 SA JOHNSON: So what we're trying to convey  
4 to you is -- is we take all of this very, very  
5 seriously.

6 TFO SIMMONS: And whatever happens, this  
7 has to stop. You have to understand.

8 MR. GEORGE: Obviously.

9 TFO SIMMONS: Whatever -- whatever you're  
10 feeling, you've got to find a different and healthier  
11 avenue of venting that.

12 MR. GEORGE: Um hum.

13 TFO SIMMONS: Keep doing the therapy.

14 MR. GEORGE: Obviously. I think that would  
15 be best.

16 TFO SIMMONS: Okay.

17 SA JOHNSON: All right. We'll be back.

18 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

19 (SA Johnson and TFO Simmons  
20 left the room.)

21 (End of video at 4:52 p.m.  
22 PST.)

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